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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Fred S. Cook

For (title): METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHORIZING AND BILLING  
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES USING A BANK CARD FINANCIAL NETWORK

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design)  
Application

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10 Page(s) of Specification  
5 Page(s) of Claims  
4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)—Informal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney  
1 Page(s) of abstract

**3. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed

Executed by:

● inventor.

**4. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

**5. Language**

English

**6. Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to Sprint Communications Company L.P. is attached. A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" is also attached.

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7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$760.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	28	- 20 =	8 x	\$18.00	\$144.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2	- 3 =	0 x	\$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$260.00	\$0.00

Filing Fee Calculation

\$904.00

8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee

\$904.00

Recording assignment  
(\$40; 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h))  
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR  
ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW  
APPLICATION".)

\$40.00

Total Fees Enclosed

\$944.00

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**9. Method of Payment of Fees**

Charge Account No. 21-0765 in the amount of \$944.00.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**10. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 21-0765.

37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))

37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)

**11. Instructions as to Overpayment**

Credit Account No. 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,



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